the civic facilities and project infrastructures in keeping with public health requirements. Emphasis has also been placed on disease surveillance undertaking preventive measures and establishment of early warning system.

Availability of medicines in Government Hospitals

2270. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the patients are facing a lot of inconvenience due to the non-availability of medicines even for ordinary dseases in the Government hospitals/centres in the country, particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to seek the help of social workers for the distribution of medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There is no such report.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Grants provided to Gujarat for Family Welfare Programme

2271. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any grants-in-aid was provided to voluntary organisations in the Gujarat State under the Family Welfare Programme during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 till date;

(b) if so, the details of the grants-in-aid provided to the State;

(c) whether the State Government has utilised all the grants under the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The assistance provided to the Voluntary Orgainsations in Gujarat State for approved Schemes of Department of Family Welfare is :

Year	Rupees
1992-93	58,50,200
1993-94	17,00,000
1994-95	11,00,000

(upto 31st July, 1994)

(c) and (d) Voluntary Organisations and the State Government have utilised all the grants except the funds released recently during 1994-95.

Setting up of an expert committee to examine anti-tobacco Legislation

2272. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand or suggestion was made for setting up an expert Committee to examine the whole range of issues and consequences of anti-tobacco legislation; and

(b) whether Government are examining the suggestion for setting up an Expert Committee on anti-tobacco legislation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Such a suggestion has been made from time to time.

(b) Government had organised a National Conference on Tobacco on Health in July, 1991 in which representatives from various Government and Non-Government Oragnisations, Cigarette manufacturing companies, Tobacco growers, Economists, Educationists, Medical Scientists participated and all the Tobacco related issues were discussed.

Handling the unemployment due to anti-tobacco legislation

2273. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any surcharge or levy has been proposed on multi-national drug companies to finance welfare schemes and economic safety not for prospective unemployment amongst beedi and tobacco workers; and

(b) if so, details of statistics worked out to assist unemployed workers and unemployment due to anti-tobacco and anti-beedi legislation proposed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DR. C. SUVERA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

News-item regarding stress of vedic teachings in health care

2274. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in

"The Hindustan Times" dated 8th November, 1994. caption "Vedic teachings in health care stressed", at the first interdisciplinary academic conference held on October 28 and 29, 1994 in Columbia University discussing specifically on contribution from India's three and half millannia of scientific tradition and achievements:

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of participants from India and elsewhere:

(c) whether the above conference had achieved any major steps towards changing prevailing perspectives about health care and medicines as suggested in Vedas; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto and contribution that is likely to be made in near future both in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Spread of falciparum Malaria

2275. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of malaria registered in the country in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(b) what is the number of cases which belong to plasmodium falciparum in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(c) what is the response of the Ministry to the widespread Press Report about the massive incidents of malaria and specifically the dreaded Falciparum variety in Western Rajasthan;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Human Resource Development had severely reprimanded the Health Ministry for the weaknesses in the National Malaria Eradication Programme consecutively for two years; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in rectifying the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A Statement is given as Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No 52].

(c) During September/October, 1994 there was an increase in Malaria and P. falciparum cases in Western Rajasthan which has been brought under control,

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Committee made certain observations relating to increasing allocations for malaria control need to intensify control measures in tribal areas and deal with Kala-azar in Bihar. Measures have been initiated to achieve these goals.

Emergency night services in CGHS Dispensaries

2276. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether emergency night services in some of the CGHS dispensaries have been stopped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The emergency night services have been discontinued only in CGHS dispensary at Faridabad due to repeated requests from the Area Welfare Officer of that dispensary.

Strike by Doctors of Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi

2277. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stae:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors including the resident doctors at Sucheta Kriplani Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in the capital went suddenly on a protest strike on the 10th November, 1994, alleging that a number of doctors among them have had contracted viral hepatitis;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the said allegations of the doctors and if so, the findnigs thereof;

(c) specific steps, if any, taken to prevent recurrence of break out of infectious diseases in the Government hospitals in particular, in future;

(d) whether it is a fact that owing to the doctors strike in Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi, patients in large number in both the hospitals were forced to leave the hospitals;

(e) if so, the number of patients, who were forced to leave, their respective age and ailments of each of them for treatment of which they had been admitted in the hospitals; and

(f) arrangements if any, made for continuity of medical care for them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Hospital